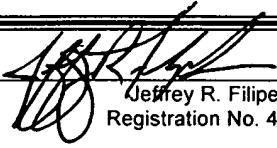


FORM PTO 1390 (REV 5-93) US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 2005_1918A
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. <i>(if known)</i> 10/560051 NEW
International Application No. PCT/JP2004/008649	International Filing Date June 14, 2004	Priority Date Claimed June 27, 2003
Title of Invention APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SEEDLINGS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SEEDLINGS		
Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US Katsuyoshi OKABE et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. [] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau as indicated on the attached Form PCT/IB/308. ATTACHMENT A c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). ATTACHMENT B 7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19. 9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). ATTACHMENT C 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. ATTACHMENT D 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ATTACHMENT E 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment. ATTACHMENT F [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. [X] Other items or information: a. Form PCT/IB/304. ATTACHMENT G		

THE COMMUNICATION IS AUTHORIZED
TO BE FILED IN THE U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
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ACCOUNT NO. 120-0075

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/560051		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/008649	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 2005_1918A	
15. [X] The following fees are submitted				CALCULATIONS
Basic National Stage Fee		\$300.00		PTO USE ONLY
National Stage Search Fee		\$400.00		
National Stage Examination Fee		\$200.00		
Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages (units of 50 x \$250.00) =		\$		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$900.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$		
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	6 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00		\$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$900.00		
[X] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.		\$450.00		
SUBTOTAL =		\$450.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		+ \$		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$450.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +		\$ 40.00		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$490.00		
		Amount to be refunded	\$	
		Amount to be charged	\$	
<p>a. [X] A check in the amount of <u>\$490.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>23-0975</u>.</p>				
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>				
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